



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 99\_1012A  
Toshimitsu ISHIKAWA et al. : **Confirmation No. 2333**  
Serial No. 09/393,168 : Group Art Unit 1616  
Filed September 10, 1999 : Examiner Mina Haghighatian  
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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 17, 2009 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-22.

☐ A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

☒ The extension fee of \$555.00 for a three month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

☒ The Appeal Fee of ☐ \$540.00 (other than Small Entity)

☒ \$270.00 (Small Entity)

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☒ is to be charged to a credit card.

☐ is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

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☒ Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which

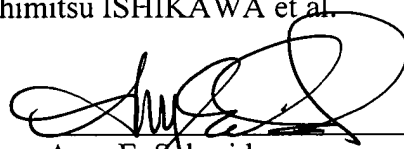
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☒ has been previously submitted.

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